

Alcohol harm prevention August 2026

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Recent peer-reviewed journal articles

Pricing, taxation and policy

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Health information

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Recent grey literature - reports and publications from key organisations

Publications and reports from key organisations within the last month.

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Forces in Mind Trust. **New report to understand and improve treatment for former Service personnel with both mental health and alcohol use disorders** FIMT. August 2026.

Institute of Alcohol Studies. **August alert.** IAS. August, 2026.

Institute of Alcohol Studies. **Under the influence? Perspectives of alcohol in the parliamentary workplace among UK MPs and staff.** IAS, August 2026.

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